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B G Johnson Invoice dtd 4/15/46

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To George H Clapp
Woodland Rd, Swickley PA

1796 US Cent Very rare variety
with the break ~~straight~~
across head, very good. 00
mke $50.00

As per Wilkinson
NC 6
A phony coin
tooled

Pd 4/23/46

1794 Half Cent No edge lettering V.G.

Wt in air	6.88
Wt in water	8.01
Tare	1.98
Net wt in water	6.03

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.85 wt of water

Specific gravity

$\frac{6.88}{.85} = 8.09.$

The specific gravity is too low. Should be nearer 8.85 or 8.9. Air can be trapped in the planchet Coin rings well when spun on a hard flat surface New evidence may explain the trapped air. There is a well formed **D** over the top of the first T in STATES. This could be from an undercoin (a 1794 or 1795 half cent). The coin should be examined for other indications of an undercoin. If it is from the same 1794 die then it could have been hammered to smooth it a little before restriking. If there a 1795 undercoin (struck when both 1794 and 1795 half cents were being made then that could explain the lack of edge lettering. The weight of the pieces should be compared. The 1795 misstrike could be hammered in the same way a 1794 misstrike could be. What are the weights of 1794 and 1795 pieces.

The hammering seems supported by the fact that a seeming scratch above ER on the obverse does not affect the border or the E and that is most peculiar. It was possibly in the planchet before striking and caused by hammering.

I hope this suggests a new line of study for the coin. I find no evidence of it being an electro.

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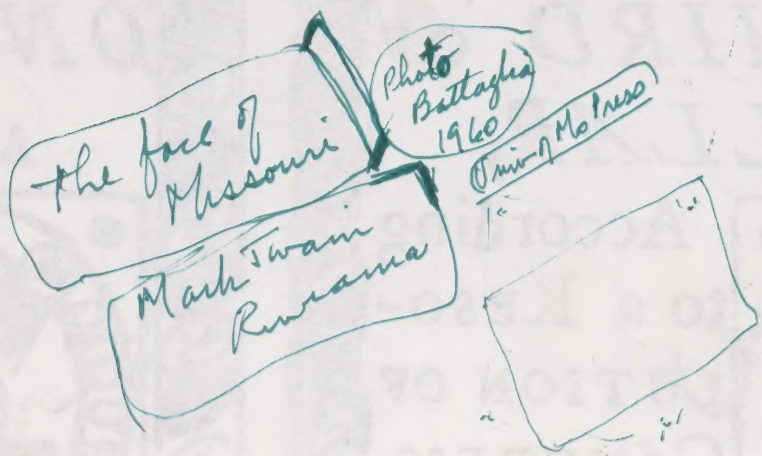

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